



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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At its meeting held March 13, 2007, the Board took the following action:

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The following item was called up for consideration:

The Director of Children and Family Services' revised recommendation to approve Form Contract for the provision of Education Consultant Services for 15 contracts with various providers; authorize the Director to execute the contracts, with the term of the contract to be March 13, 2007, or date of execution whichever is later, through June 30, 2007, with the options to extend for up to two additional one-year periods through June 30, 2009, at a maximum annual contract sum for each of the 13 of 15 contracts for the period from date of execution through June 30, 2007 at \$21,000, and \$10,500 for the remaining 2 contracts for a total of \$294,000, with the maximum annual contract sum for each of the 13 of 15 contracts for each subsequent year at \$72,000 and \$36,000, for each of the remaining 2 contracts for a total of \$1,008,000, with a maximum full-term sum for each of the 13 of 15 contracts executed through June 30, 2009 at \$165,000 and \$82,500 for each of the remaining 2 contracts, for a total cost of \$2,310,000 for all 15 contracts, which will be financed using \$1,062,600, (46%) Federal revenue, \$900,900 (39%) State revenue, and \$346,500 (15%) net County cost, the cost for Fiscal Year 2006-07 is \$294,000; also authorize the Director to: exercise the two one-year extension options; execute amendments to increase or decrease the contract sum by no more than 10% of the maximum contract sum, if necessary, to accommodate any unanticipated need for increase/decrease in the level of services; and execute amendments to the contract for nonmaterial changes.

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The following statement was entered into the record for Supervisors Molina and Knabe:

“There are eighty-one school districts in Los Angeles County. Foster children are enrolled in many of them. Some school districts succeed more than others at providing required services. As a County, we must educate school districts and hold them accountable to provide for these vulnerable children who do not have parents to advocate for them. The Board of Supervisors is uniquely able to do so, because we have a relationship with the Los Angeles County Office of Education and the Education Coordinating Council. These agencies can facilitate this effort and target training to school districts to help the school districts serve foster children better.

“With the proposed education consultants, we have an opportunity to track the experience of foster children in the County’s school districts.”

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Molina, seconded by Supervisor Burke, unanimously carried, the Board approved the Director of Children and Family Services’ attached recommendation and instructed the Director of Children and Family Services to prepare a report biannually with substantive, measurable data on the performance of school districts in providing educational services for foster children; and report back within 60 days on:

1. The method that the Department of Children and Family Services will use to track data on the referrals received by the education consultants such as whether, when serving our foster children, school districts:
  - Complete special education assessments and Individualized Education Plans appropriately and in a timely manner;
  - Comply with due process requirements when suspending, expelling and ordering “opportunity transfers”;
  - Enroll children in a timely manner;
  - Provide school records in a timely manner;
  - Award partial credit when appropriate;
  - Provide tutoring and academic mentoring; and

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2. The format the Director of Children and Family Services will use to prepare a report with substantive, measurable data and evaluation provided.

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Attachment

Copies distributed:

Each Supervisor

Chief Administrative Officer

County Counsel

Director of Children and Family Services